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Aruba honors Dutch soccer players









Arjen Robben, who earned the title of "Flying Dutchman "during the month of matches, forward Dirk Kuyt and holding midfielder Mark van Bommel accepted the invitation of Prime Minister Mike Eman to relax on Aruba with their families after their stellar performances. They came to meet their adoring public in the Renaissance Marketplace Oranjestad, where Prime Minister Eman awarded each of them the titles of "Aruba Ambassador of Goodwill." An honor guard of young

Aruban soccer players of all ages welcomed the internationally renowned footballers when they arrived in style on the Kukoo Kunuku Bus. Fans anx-

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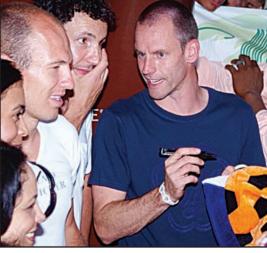


iously waited for hours with soccer balls, shirts and other memorabilia of 2010 games in hopes of getting an autograph.

Though they didn't win the title, most fans consider Holland feating 5-time and record title holders Brazil in the quarter finals, the true

victory. The Dutch team came to the World Cup and finals undefeated, and put forward a supreme effort.

The four players were very appreciative and seemed a bit



overwhelmed at the size and enthusiasm of the fans in this tiny little part of the Dutch Kingdom and did their utmost to satisfy as many fans as possible with an autograph or a

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condemn Arizona migration law

GENEVA (AFP) - The heads of eight Latin-American parliaments on Wednesday signed a declaration condemning the US state of Aricontroversial zona's immigration law, describing it as "racist and xenophobic."

The declaration -- signed by Mexico, Ecuador, Uruguay, Panama, Bolivia, Guatemala, Cuba and Chile -- was read to journalists by Mexico's Senate President Carlos Navarrete on the sidelines of the World Conference of the Speakers of Parliaments.

"We regret the racist and xenophobic nature of this law which goes against immigration in general and illegal immigrants in particular," said the declaration.

The Arizona law, due to take effect on July 29, makes it a crime to be in the state, which borders Mexico, with-

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It also requires local police, who are not federal agents responsible for immigration matters, to determine if people are in the country legally. Many critics charge that will fuel ethnic profiling.

The US government has filed a suit against Arizona in a bid to block the disputed law slammed by President Barack Obama's administration as abusive and divisive.

"It's an absurd law, which goes against the current times. Those who talk about defending globalisation, free markets and human liberties are criminalising migratory movements," said Ecuadoran representative Rolando Pan-

Black can walk on two million dollar bond

CHICAGO (AFP) - Disgraced media mogul Conrad Black can be released on an unsecured two million dollar bond as he appeals his 2007 fraud conviction, a federal judge ruled.

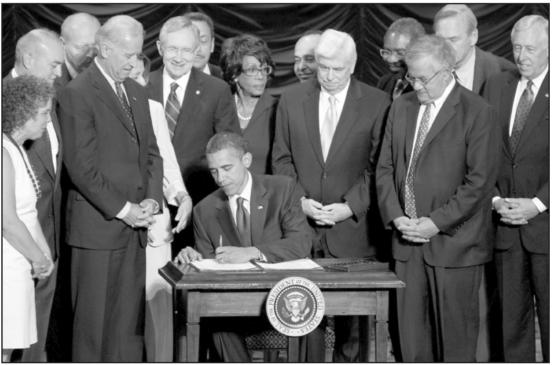
Black, 65, who was served more than two years of a six and a half year prison sentence, is appealing his conviction for fraud on the basis of a Supreme Court ruling in his favor last month.

Black once ran the world's third largest media empire with such titles as Britain's Daily Telegraph and the Chicago Sun-Times.

Flamboyant in lifestyle and brutal in business, he once counted politicians and popstars among his entourage as he built up a towering newspaper empire.

But he was forced to quit as head of the holding company Hollinger when he was charged with siphoning off millions of dollars from the firm, notably when it began divesting its Canadian and US publications in 2000.

American parliaments Obama signs historic finance reform bill



US President Barack Obama signs the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act alongside members of Congress, the administration and US Vice President Joe Biden at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, DC.

WASHINGTON (AFP) -President Barack Obama Wednesday signed into law the most sweeping reform of the US finance industry since the 1930s, promising US taxpayers would no longer get the bill for Wall Street excess.

The legislation, which some Republicans have pledged to repeal, introduces new consumer protections, checks the power of big banks and cracks down on deceptive practices by credit card firms.

"Because of this law, the American people will never again be asked to foot the bill for Wall Street's mistakes. There will be no more taxfunded bailouts," Obama promised.

Seeking to restore public confidence in his economic leadership as unemployment flirts with double digits, Obama said the bill would repair the fractures and abuses that produced the financial meltdown.

"It was a crisis born of a failure of responsibility, from certain corners of Wall Street to the halls of power in Washington," said Obama, before adding the legacy-boosting law to his huge health care reform passed earlier this year.

"These reforms represent the strongest consumer financial protections in history," Obama said, before signing the new law, passed by Congress last week.

"These protections will be

enforced by a new consumer watchdog with just one job: looking out for people -- not big banks, not lenders, not investment houses."

The financial reform bill finally squeezed through Congress with just a handful of Republican votes, as the opposition party stuck with its policy of trying to block Obama's ambitious reform program at all costs.



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Aruba Airport Authority N.V. reports a modest increase in traffic figures Cautious optimism to prevail

WAYACA -- The unpredictable effects of the current worldwide economic crisis and natural disasters, such as the spontaneous volcanic eruption in Iceland, are constant reminders that the industry remains fragile. Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) reports growth in both revenue generating passengers (RGP) and flights for the second quarter of 2010 compared to the same period 2009 at Queen Beatrix International Airport.

RGP figures for commercial passengers were up 2.2% and flights were up by 3.9% compared to the second quarter of 2009. Even though the traffic figures for the second quarter show signs of improvement, America's high unemployment and weak housing market, Europe's economic and currency challenges and uncertain government policies measurements Venezuela are all factors that make it clear that cautious optimism should prevail.

IATA, International Air Transport Association, revised the airline industry forecast for 2010 from a –US\$5.6 billion loss to an overall –US\$2.8 billion loss. IATA claims that in the short-term, airlines need to focus their efforts on nurturing the recovery by continuing to match capacity carefully to improving demand conditions.

The North American market registered an overall growth of 5.1% compared to second quarter 2009. Delta, JetBlue and Continental added more frequencies and/or upgraded equipment during this



period showing capacity growth of 25.9%, 3.1% and 2.1% respectively. The strength of the Canadian dollar manifested itself by growing the amount of RGP from Canada by 56%.

Another market that continues to show a positive increase was the Netherlands Antilles which grew by 12.6% compared to the second quarter of 2009. Tiara Air added more flights whilst Insel Air not only added flights but replaced peak hour service with MD-80 aircraft between Aruba and Curacao.

The European market showed a decline in RGP of -13.3% compared to the second quarter of 2009. The lack of weekly cruise turnaround, the start of the World Cup in South Africa, the weakening of the euro are probable contributors to the decline. The Dutch market experienced a slight growth in RGP of 2.0% compared to the same period in 2009.

The Latin American Market, especially the Venezuelan market, continues to decline in RGP by -21% during the second quarter of 2010. Unfortunately the continued changes in travel and currency policies determined by the Venezuelan government make travel extremely challenging. To compensate there are opportunities for passenger traffic growth within countries in Latin America, namely Brazil, Colombia, Argentina, Chile and Peru via Avianca's hub in Bogota and Copa Airlines's hub in Panama.

"I can only continue to reiterate the volatily of the airline industry and the maintenance of cautious optimism – the road to full recovery is extremely bumpy and filled with unforeseen delays" said Peter Steinmetz, Managing Director AAA. "Retention and diversification of our route network are pivotal. Airlines remain reluctant to add capacity in order not to jeopardize their current profitability levels."

Inviting all fishermen and dive operators Informative forum on the Aruba Marine Park and its benefits

NOORD -- The 'Centro di Pesca Hadicurari,' - Aruba's fisherman foundation, cordially invites all fishermen, dive operators and the public in general to an informative forum on the initiative of the Aruba Marine Park and its benefits. Mr. Rudolph Davelaar will present and explain the concept of the park and what it all encloses. He will also elaborate on the benefits of the park and the rights and responsibilities of everyone involved, particularly the fishermen.

During the forum everyone can ask questions for further clarification and give their opinion and/or express their concerns. They can also form part of different initia-

Tropical weather in the Caribbean gaining steam

MIAMI,Florida -- A vigorous tropical weather system forming in the eastern Caribbean has a high chance of turning into a tropical depression or more serious tropical storm over the next two days, according to the National Hurricane Center.

The center put the chances of the system developing into a depression or storm at 60 percent.

The weather system became better organized during the day and was centered near the eastern Dominican Republic, the center said yesterday. It said the system already is spawning widespread showers and thunderstorms as it moves westnorthwestward at about 10 mph.

Forecasters said the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, eastern Cuba, the southeastern Bahamas and Turks and Caicos can expect heavy rainfall and gusty winds during the next couple of days.

The hurricane center warns that heavy rain could cause life-threatening flash floods and mudslides in mountainous areas.

tives to improve and better protect our nature. All relevant points brought forward will be documented for future propositions.

The event is this Saturday, July 24, at the Centro di Pesca Hadicurari, on the second floor, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

At the end of the evening the center will offer its customary hospitality to all present. Everyone is welcome and entrance is FREE.



Novel, 'De Schutter' presented to Aruba Governor Fredis Refunjol

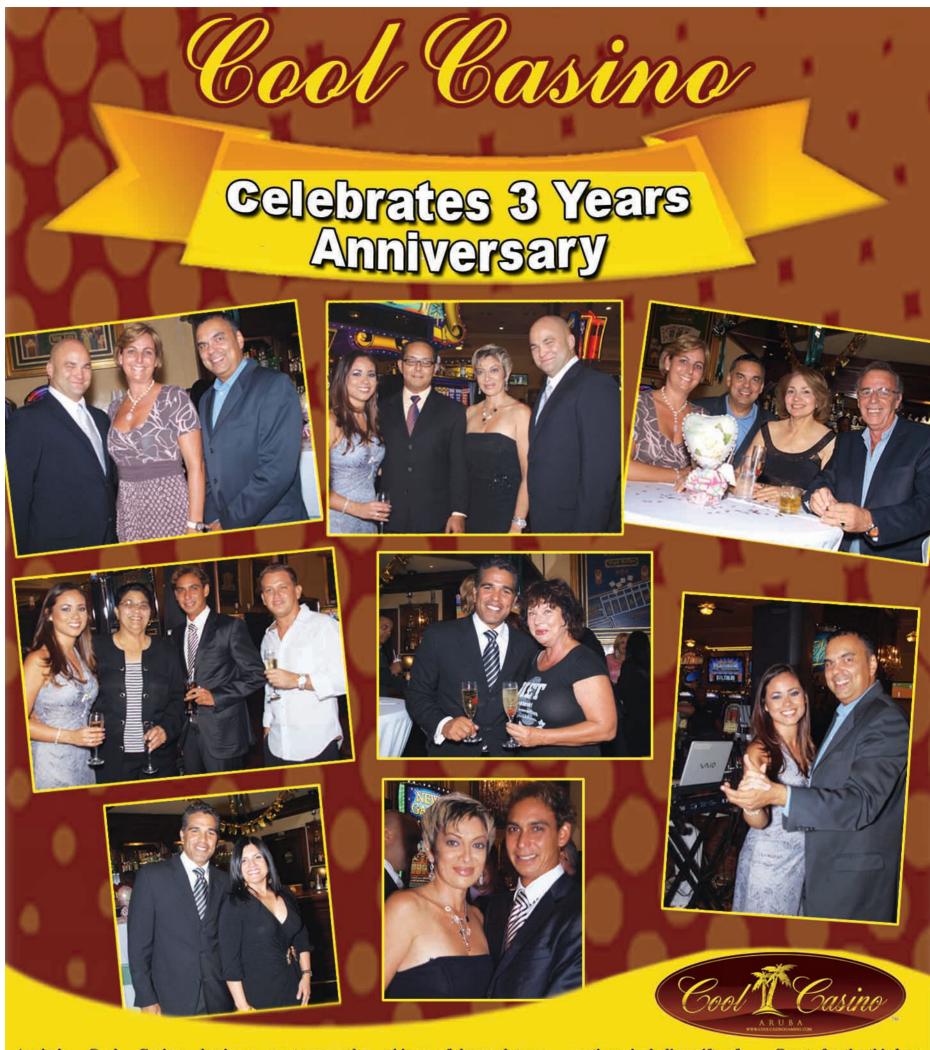


Recently, Mr. Marco Christiaans paid a courtesy visit to Aruba Governor Fredis Refunjol. During the visit he gave Governor Refunjol a copy of the book, 'E Schutter' - The Shooter. Mr. Christiaans wrote the book in dedication to all our national guards who played an important role in the Second World War.

At that time the Lago on Aruba was one of the largest refineries in the world. The gasoline produced here was used for the allied planes and so the island was a vital point in the Western Hemisphere: for the Americans to defend and the Germans to attack. There were torpedoes fired at ships in our waters.

In 1939, with the threat of war already in the air, the first measures were taken for the defense of the island and the refinery. At Juana Morto, the highest point of the eastern part of the island, a coastal battery was built overlooking the refinery and the North and West Coast. The shooters had a good view there, guarding the refinery and its surroundings

Photo shows Aruba Governor Fredis Refunjol showing off his latest library acquisition.



Palace, and has been providing Old World charm along with the newest technology in gaming machines for their loyal patrons. On Tuesday night, July 20, casino management expressed their gratitude to many island

Aruba's Cool Casino business partners who years ago with the Riu their business for the past three years.

An intimate gathering in the casino hosted by Managing Director Marc Charley and Marketing Supervisor Deyanira Zuniga enjoyed the music of popular local group Tsunami accompanied by the dings and

cited players at the craps table.

Director Managing Marc Charley expressed they are very happy with the casino's success, which he credits largely to "a great staff. They really do a terrific job."

The casino's daily pro-

chimes of busy slot ma- motions, including gifts of opened their doors three have supported them in chines, and the shouts of ex- playing credits when join- niversary celebration ening the ranks and obtaining joyed a champagne toast a Player's Card, or Progressive Blackjack tour- naments every Tuesday and Friday evenings along with free slot tournaments on Wednesdays and Sundays have certainly contributed to the Cool Casino's popularity.

Guests for the third anand gourmet snacks with a chance to check out Cool Casino's newest and most exciting slots.

It was a very winning evening, indeed!

by Rosalie Klein



Exposition of workshop 'In Counting' at Ateliers '89

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Atelier '89 is preparing for its exposition of the workshop 'In Counting,' to be held on August 5.

The workshop assembly for the final exposition is big and diverse, and encloses the art of Mixed Media Installation.

Almost all types of contemporary art disciplines are said to be included. From paintings

to small object creations and installation art; every week another technique is used.

Each participant will work individually on his own piece, after that all the pieces will be brought together in the exposition rooms which are set under one gigantic installation.

Each one of the three exposition rooms has a different



theme. One for paintings/drawings/ and small objects, one for bigger objects and the last one for experimental pieces like multi-disciplinary installations.

The enthusiasm and tension among the more or less 20 participants is enormous. They have been working for four consecutive weeks under the direction of teacher/artist Ran-

dall Wallace.

Randy Wallace is an American artist. Besides working as an artist, he is a teacher at the Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. At present he is on Aruba for a month of workshop, sharing his expertise with the students of Atelier '89

Randy and the participants are working very hard and are anxious to see the final results on the opening day of the exposition where they can show their most recent art pieces to the Aruba public.

The exposition is on August 5, starting at 8:00 p.m. at the Atelier '89, situated in the Dominicanessenstraat 34, Oran-



jestad. Entrance is free.

For more information on the exposition readers may call cell. 565-4613.





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Science/Tech

Panasonic debuts new rugged, 'Bright-Lens' Cameras



On Wednesday, Panasonic announced five new digital cameras. They're basically divided into three categories; super-zooms, rugged models and "bright lens" versions.

Bright-lens has been used as a Sony marketing term, among others; the term generally refers to a camera with a lens aperture that can open much larger than most point-and-shoots. The larger the diameter aperture, the more light can be directed through the lens to the image sensor.

The Panasonic Lumix DMC-LX5 is a compact camera that can fit in your pocket; it offers 3.8x zoom via a 24-mm lens, but the most compelling part of the lens is its aperture; it can open to F/2—this means more light can be delivered to the image sensor. The more light you have to work with, the better your images will look.

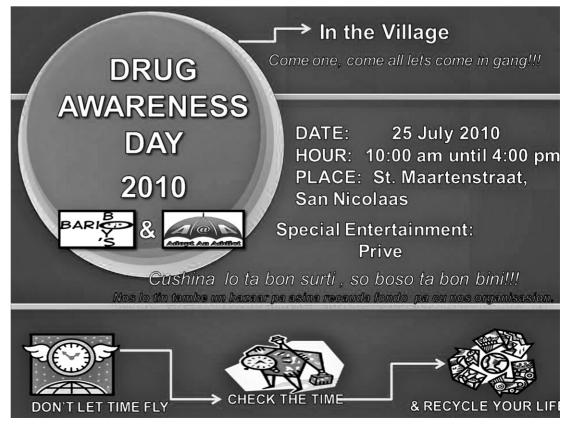
The LX5 is outfitted with a few other goodies; it has a hotshoe for flash accessories as well as a digital accessory port just below so you can purchase an additional electronic viewfinder (originally created for the Panasonic GF1.) When recording highdefinition video (720p30), users will have the option to use the AVCHD Lite codec which will result in better image quality than Motion JPEG codec, though it's less compatible with sites like YouTube and Facebook. The Panasonic Lumix LX5 will be available in white and black for \$499.95.

The Panasonic Lumix FX700 also offers a bright lens (F2.2), but it will cost only \$399.95. This camera will use a smaller image sensor (1/1.63-inch vs 1/1.33-inch.) Like the LX5, this camera will do AVCHD Lite recordings, but will offer

higher-definition 1080p30 video. Panasonic also outfitted the FX700 will a touch-screen LCD.

The Panasonic Lumix **TS10,** previously, Panasonic offered the rugged Lumix TS2 (which earned an Editor's Choice rating at its \$399.95 price tag. The TS10 will be less rugged, but also less expensive, at \$249.95. It will also be limited to depths of 10 feet of water versus the TS2, which can withstand up to 33 feet of water. The TS10 also records HD video at 720p30, but uses the Motion JPEG codec; the TS2 offers the option for AVCHD Lite.

The last group of cameras are the super-zooms; the Panasonic Lumix DMC-FZ100 will be the new flagship offering 24X zoom. Its video recording will also aim to please; it will use the full AVCHD codec (not Lite) and at 1080i60, including stereo audio recording. (A microphone input will also be available.) It will also be speedy; it can pump out 5 frames per second at full resolution (14-megapixels) in burst mode while also offering continuous auto-focus. The FZ100 can also deliver 60 FPS, but at 3-megapixels only. The camera will use an articulating LCD and be priced at \$499.95. For a hundred dollars less, Panasonic will offer another 24X zoom camera, the Panasonic Lumix FZ40; it looks similar though it drops the speed, the articulating LCD and does AVCHD Lite recordings.



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Depressed people really 4 New Twists on Lime do see a gray world

The world really does look gray to depressed people, at least on a subconscious level, new research suggests.

Vision test

The research team had 40 patients with major depression and 40 healthy individuals view a sequence of five black-and-white checkerboards of different contrasts. Each checkerboard flickered (with a black square turning white and white turning black) 12 times per second on a computer screen.

Meanwhile, the researchers used an objective measure called the pattern electroretinogram, which is similar to an electrocardiogram (ECG) of the retina of the eye. The retina ECG shows the response of neurons inside the retinal cells. "That's not conscious vision, it's much earlier than you conscioulsy perceive something, within milliseconds," said lead researcher Dr. Ludger Tebartz van Elst.

The depressed patients had dramatically lower retinal responses to the varying black-and-white contrasts than healthy individuals. The results held regardless of whether patients were taking antidepressants.

How the depressed eye works

While the researchers aren't sure exactly why depressed people might sort of "see the world as gray," they have a strong hypothesis. Here's how they figure it works: Contrast vision relies on so-called amacrine cells within the retina, which horizontally connect the retina's neurons called ganglion cells with each other. These cells rely on dopamine, a substance known to be important for drive and attention - when lacking, two main symptoms of depression.

"We think the retina is some sort of outpost marker of the integrity of the dopaminergic system in the whole brain," van Elst said. So the dopamine is linked with both the vision and the depression.

The finding has plenty of practical implications, van Elst said, including acting as an indicator of whether antidepression drugs are working. In addition, the test could provide an objective measure of depression, as clinical tests are not always reliable.



The tangy fruit fights disease, dry skin, even hangovers!

Hangover Helper

Ease the aftershock of one too many with this remedy: Combine 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice and 1/4 teaspoon sugar. Add to an 8-ounce glass of water and drink slowly, first thing in the morning. Lime refreshes the liver and sugar helps stabilize blood glucose, which dips after drinking, leading to that groggy feeling.

Splatter Eraser

Lime's citric acid is great at cutting through grease and gunk. Use it to get rid of food splatters in your microwave with this no-scrub tip:

Put 3 tablespoons lime juice in a mug filled with water, and heat until boiling in the microwave. Let stand for a few minutes, remove, wipe the microwave with a soapy rag, then wipe again with a clean wet rag, and you're done.

Skin Brightener

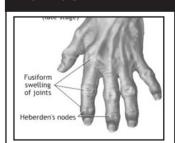
Remove dry skin patches on your body with this scrub:

Mix 3 tablespoons orange massage oil, 1 tablespoon nectar, agave freshly squeezed juice from half a lime, and 2 tablespoons sea salt in a bowl. Massage the mixture all over your body using a circular motion, rinse, and pat dry. The lime juice's vitamin C rejuvenates skin, while its acids and the salt slough off dead skin cells.

Disease Fighter

Add a squeeze of lime juice to a cup of green tea for a supercharged health drink. The vitamin C in citrus juice allows more of the tea's catechins-antioxidants that are believed to fight heart disease, stroke, and cancer—to be absorbed during digestion, a Purdue University study suggests.

Tip: Signs That You **May Have Hand Arthritis**



Arthritis, the medical term for joint inflammation, commonly affects the relatively small joints of the hands.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons says warning signs of hand arthritis may include:

Pain in the hands and fingers, especially after firmly holding an object for a long period.

Stiffness and pain that are more noticeable in the

Swollen or disfigured joints. A feeling of warmth in the joints.

A feeling that the bones in the joints are rubbing together, or that a joint is "loose."

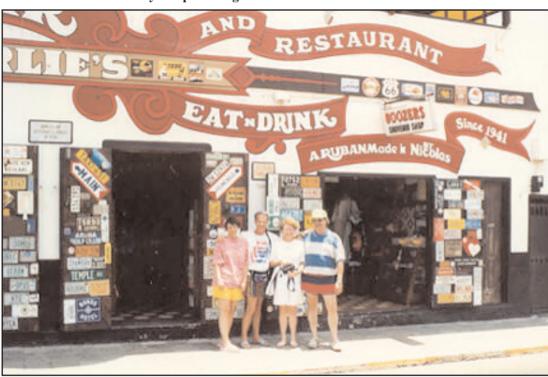
Cysts near the joints at the ends of the fingers.

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Entrance to the inner Bay of Spaan Lagoen



One of San Nicolas' main attractions, Charlie's Bar in the mainstreet

Crossing the Balashi Bridge to San Nicolas, you will find the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon).

The Spaans Lagoen is the only inner bay in Aruba, resulting from rising sea levels after the last ice age. Spaans Lagoen is connected with the sea, but it is partially separated by a low-lying bridge. Located off the mouth of the lagoon there are several island keys, which together with the Spaans Lagoen area form a large natural ecological system.

Spaans Lagoen is a reefprotected area. The beach is accessed through the mangove trees in Mangel Halto, on the east side of the island. It boasts shallow waters and fine white sand. It's also an excellent spot to have a picnic lunch.

It is one of three Blue Flag beaches developing on the island. There is a gentle sandy entry to the water that is great for children and adults. Beginning scuba divers will love it and the snorkeling is excellent. It is also a wonderful area for kayaking. The Spaans Lagoen area flows into the village of **Pos Chiquito**.

Savaneta is a fishing village in southeastern Aruba. Home to the oldest surviving home in Aruba, it is the oldest town on that island and former capital. It was where the Dutch first settled after they recap-

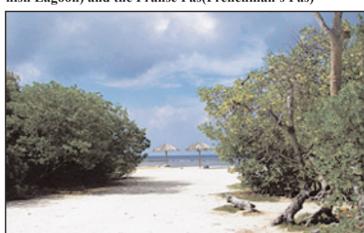
tured it in 1816. It is said that Savaneta name became during the Spanish colonization in 1840. Savaneta means Sabana chikito (small savannah).

Heading east to San Nicolas you will encounter **Cura Cabai** located along the west coast of the island.

Driving further you will find Aruba's second largest city, **San Nicolas**, with the majority of residents originally hailing from the British Caribbean. The development of the city is undeniably linked to the oil refinery, the presence of which often stands in sharp contrast to the modest houses of the area and the picturesque beach spots



The ruins of the gold smelter next to the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon) and the Franse Pas(Frenchman's Pas)



Mangel Halto in Savaneta



House on the reef (Savaneta)



Julio Cesar enjoys a very special vacation with his huge family







This week 25 family members of the Julio Cesar Enriquez family of Sangolqui, Ecuador and Washington, D.C. came to Aruba and the Aruban Resort to celebrate family. This is the first visit to Aruba for Julio and his seven children, 14 grandchildren, and one great grandchild and they are really enjoying this special week together.

They rented two large vans so they could explore and experience the Island together, from the lighthouse to baby beach, to the donkey sanctuary, to the north coast, to the many restaurants and the malls, but, especially enjoyed the friendly people here, and, of course, the beautiful beaches right in front of their hotel.

Congratulations also to Julio's daughter, Sylvia and husband, Bernie White (and their children, Jackie, Bernie and Derek) on the 23rd Anniversary of their marriage. They now know why they are thinking of making Aruba the yearly family destination. See you next year.

Photos by Diane Keijzer.

New York bank robber says it with flowers

NEW YORK (AFP) – A robber in New York came up with a disarming way to pull off his latest bank heist, approaching the teller's window with a large bouquet of flowers and handing over a hold-up note, New York media reported recently.

Police told The New York Post they were examining a large bunch of blooms -- yellow chrysanthemums, orange and red daisies, and gladiola buds, among others flowers -used by the man in the robbery last week.

A security camera photo published by the daily showed the suspect standing at the teller's window holding the bouquet while handing over the note, which reportedly read: "Give me all your hundreds, fifties, don't be a hero."

The Post, which said the man fled the scene after the teller handed over 440 dollars, reported that it was the second known bank heist by the suspect, who last week robbed a different New York bank armed with a potted houseplant.



Summer Camp at Tierra Del Sol



Tierra del Sol has been hosting a summer camp for kids packed with tennis, golf and pool activities for the past few years.

This year is no different while the first group of summer campers enjoyed a week under the watchful eye of Golf Pro Adam Williamson, the second two groups are planned for the upcoming weeks, 19th to the 23rd and 26th to the 30th, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The camp focuses on tennis in the morning with the resort's Tennis Pro, then after lunch catered by the Look Out Grill the kids receive golf instruction with the pros. They finish the day in the pool, cooling off from an active day.

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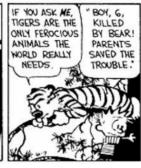


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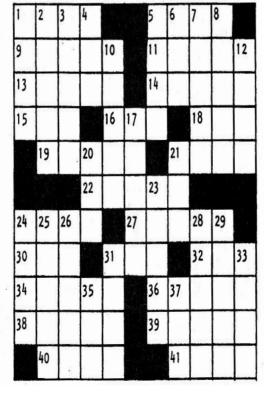
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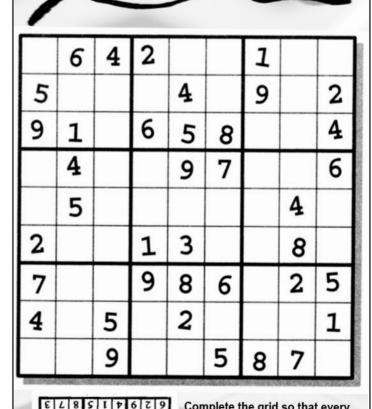
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How to write attention-grabbing, money-making free reports -- part 4--

by Ken Varga



Hi, I am Ken Varga. I want to share with you some of the ideas, strategies, and principles that allowed me to build 35 businesses during my career.

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As I write about it, you need to massage what I'm going to be writing about, to fit your particular situation.

Those of you who have purchased my book, "How to get Customers to Call, Buy and Beg for More," have read about a guy named Wayne, who over the years I've given more ideas to help him in his business than I care to shake a stick at.

Anyway, Wayne owned a Deli. When Wayne started out, his Deli was just like any other neighborhood Deli.

What Wayne did was to not only own a normal Neighborhood Deli, but he expanded it to be a National Deli.

In this tip, I'm going to use my friend Wayne as an example of what can be done in reports that he could write for his customers and also sell on his Web Site, or by Direct Mail. The way that Wayne expanded his deli was by adding products that satisfied other needs that his customers were spending money on somewhere else.

So this is what Wayne did. He started a catering business. Why? He had the food already, so what better complimentary business to create.

He got into gift baskets, gourmet foods, wines that sometimes sold for \$20,000 a bottle. Wow! I don't know about you, but I sure wouldn't pay that much for a bottle of wine.

But Wayne created a niche group of customers who were looking for the hard-to-find wines of the world.

Wayne also added fresh cut meats, ready-to-cook meals, and also a hard-to-get, whatever, section where his customers asked him for a specific item that they couldn't get anywhere nearby.

Wow! What a way to create a bond with a customer.

a bond with a customer.

Helping them and profiting at the same time.

Let's see how a report could work in each of these areas of Wayne's business.

Catering.

Wayne could do a report on, "The five questions to ask a caterer, before your party, that they don't want you to know about."

Can you imagine if Wayne did this, tied it into his Yellow Page ad, and followed the concepts in my book about designing Yellow Page Ads?

Wayne used to spend a fortune on Advertising, but started to save a lot by using only direct response advertising.

In fact, at one point, Wayne mentioned to me that he went into my book at least once a

week. I asked him, "What does the book look like?"

He said it looked 100 years old

That's what I like to hear. It is a gratifying feeling when someone says that about a product of yours or mine.

Anyway, this report can be used to sell via the Internet, classifieds, etc.

In this situation it is used to generate more and more potential customers and turning them into repeat customers, whose lifetime value is enormous.

How about this idea?

Wayne could sell the report in bulk to the various providers of the food that is used by a caterer. The providers would then give the reports to the caterers that do business with them to help them sell more catering events and more food.

Think of other businesses that could purchase this report in bulk.

How about Banks for their customers, gas stations, restaurants, and believe it or not, to Funeral Directors to give out to the Family of a deceased, as they normally have a family gathering that is catered after the burial.

Yikes. Now that's really thinking out of the tunnel.

Ok. That's it for this Tip. In the next Tip I'll continue giving you more ideas on how you can make a fortune with reports.

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IMF: Eurozone risks threaten nascent recovery

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The eurozone's fiscal crises "threaten" the area's nascent economic recovery and could lead to persistent unemployment and dampen investment flows, the IMF warned yesterday.

The recovery, driven mainly by external demand, "is likely to be slowed in the near term by market tensions related to sovereign risks," the International Monetary Fund said in a report.

"Over the medium term, the need for fiscal consolidation and structural rigidities will weigh on it, leading to persistent unemployment and subdued investment," the Washington-based fund said after annual consultations with the 16 member economies of the eurozone area.

The IMF warning came ahead of European banking sector "stress test" results -- due to be published tomorrow -- designed to assess the capacity of 91 European lenders to withstand economic or financial crises.

Although the markets took a "favorable view" of the stress tests, "some uncertainty regarding the stringency of the tests is likely to remain," the fund said, calling for more transparency and an expansion of these assessments.

It wanted "a more detailed disclosure" of outcomes to-

gether with remedial actions by weak institutions to mitigate capital shortfalls, and called for "broadening the transparent use of stress tests beyond the largest institutions."

The markets have turned their attention to the health of banks after an explosion of public deficits and debts in the 16-nation eurozone weakened the single currency.

The debt drama forced European governments to bail out Greece and set up a 750-billion-euro (957-billion-dollar) safety net with the IMF for other countries to tap into if they get in trouble.

The IMF said the deprecia-

tion of the euro was "now broadly consistent with fundamentals" and would provide some relief, especially in the area's export competitiveness.

But it warned that the sovereign crisis "has created significant downside risks," saying "further market disruptions cannot be ruled out."

"Since its onset, spillovers to the banking system have increased market and credit risk, and could fuel the adverse feedback loop between the banking system and public finances," the IMF said.

It also raised the specter of "competitiveness problems and private debt overhang" that it said also loomed large in

some member countries.

"Immediate action is needed to establish fiscal sustainability. Credible fiscal adjustment must be at the core of the response," the fund advised eurozone nations. "Countries facing market pressures have no option but to adjust forcefully and meet their eficit targets."

The IMF said the crisis was "a wake-up call" for the euro area, putting the spotlight on the "deficiency of area-wide mechanisms in disciplining fiscal and structural policies.

"Despite a strong and farreaching eurozone policy response to the crisis, "market confidence will take time to restore," it said.

Linda's Pancakes and Pizza place, delicious meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner



Plain Pancake



Linda's delicious pizza prepared with Gouda Cheese

Linda's Pancake and Pizza place, located at Palm Beach 6D, Noord (on the right side of Valero gas station) offers patrons the most delicious Dutch pancakes and pizza's with a Dutch twist.

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Seeing the popularity of this quaint small eatery, THE MORNING NEWS decided it was time to find out just how good Linda's really is, by sending out a team of taste testers.

Olgita, joined by her two kids ordered a little of everything while the kids roamed around freely, enjoying the afternoon.

The meal started out with Linda's original plain – to die for - Dutch pancakes, followed by pizza, where instead of using mozzarella Linda has created a unique twist to the traditional Italian dish by using Dutch Gouda cheese. Adding a local favorite which could not stay off the table they also sampled the delicious saté (chicken, pork or beef on a wooden skewer) with peanut sauce (Indonesian influence on local food). For the finish the team (adults only) had one cup of Linda's delicious Espresso.

The team had this to say: "Superb! There are no words to describe just how delicious the pancakes are and the pizza

is just mmm... good. The saté... out of this world!"

Besides the original plain pancake, Linda's specialty is pancakes with walnuts, Brie and honey; pancakes with banana and mango or a Dutch favorite: pancake with apple and bacon.

All their pizzas are made with Dutch Gouda cheese and different toppings making it richer in taste.

When it comes to saté, one has to say that the secret is in the sauce. Not everybody can make that perfect peanut sauce, but Linda, being an expert in the kitchen has cooked up one of the finest peanut sauces on the island, making this original Indonesian dish extra special.

If you want a specially prepared pancake or pizza, Linda is right there -- just for you -in her kitchen.

"For those who are allergic to gluten I have a special pancake mix, gluten free," Linda stated to THE MORNING NEWS team.

Linda's Pancakes and Pizza also offers fried eggs and homemade soups.

"We also serve American coffee," Linda concluded.

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Mud 'fight' wows tourists in Seoul

Foreign tourists plays with mud during the 13th Boryeong Mud Festival at a beach in Boryeong, South Korea. The festival is an annual event which takes place during the summer in. The mud is dug up near Boryeong, trucked to the Daecheon beach area, and dumped at a 'Mud Experience Land'. The mud is considered rich in minerals and used to manufacture cosmetics. During the festival, visitors can take part in activities such as mud slides, mud wrestling and mud massages. The festival runs from



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Peru archaeologists find pre-**Inca remains**

LIMA, Peru (AFP) - Peruvian archaeologists have found remains from a person believed to be a leader of a key pre-Inca civilization that is more than 1,200 years old, one of the researchers said.

Carlos Elera told AFP the remains from the northern region of Lambayeque are from what some call the Sican culture that flourished in the area between around 700 and 1375 AD.

He said among the remains found two weeks ago in the archaeological complex Las Ventanas is a type of sarcophagus for an adult with a headdress and a feathered eye mask, which are "characteristic of the nobles of the Sican culture."

The researcher also said that objects found included a ceremonial knife, ceramics, textiles with copper plates.

Elera reported that since April when the research began at Las Ventanas, the remains of about 20 people have been found in good con-

Among them were remains of a child of three to four years old believed to be from between 1100 and 1150 AD.

Sican culture emerged around the years 700-750 AD and remained in force until 1375, recording its apogee stage between 900 and 1100. Researchers believe the

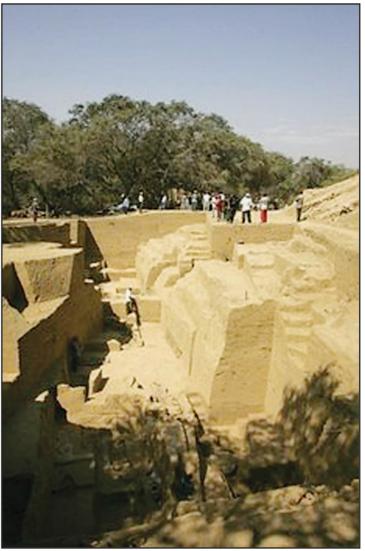


Image of a pre-Columbian Sican shrine in the coastal province of Lambayeque, in Peru.

culture flourished for around 200 years under seven to eight "lords of Sican" and then vanished after the ceded the Incas.

Chimu conquest of the Lambayeque region around 1375 AD, a group that also pre-

Tycho's Supernova, a remnant of a star explosion

Nasa has produced an image showing Tycho's Supernova. The red circle visible in the upper left part of the image, called SN 1572 is a remnant of a star explosion and named after the astronomer Tycho Brahe, although he was not the only person to observe and record the supernova.

When the supernova first appeared in November 1572, it was as bright as Venus and could be seen in the daytime.

Over the next two years, the supernova dimmed until it could no longer be seen with the naked eve. When the star exploded, it sent out a blast wave into the surrounding material, scooping up interstellar dust and gas as it went, like a snow plow.

An expanding shock wave travelled into the surroundings and a reverse shock was driven back in towards the remnants of the star. Top right Nasa recorded a star-forming nebula



of dust and gas, called S175.

This cloud of material is about 3,500 light-years away and 35 light-years across. It is

heated by radiation from the young, hot stars within it, and the dust within the cloud radiates infrared light.

Schleck wants Contador's yellow jersey on Tourmalet



Overall leader, Luxembourg's Andy Schleck (R)

PAU (AFP) - Andy Schleck is planning to launch wave after wave of attack on Tour de France rival Alberto Contador in a bid to take back the yellow jersey on the legendary Col du Tourmalet today.

And the Luxemburger, who lost the race lead to Contador on Monday following an untimely mechanical problem, is even prepared to risk his podium chances if it means going one better than his runner-up place to Contador in 2009.

Going into the final day of climbing on Thursday's tough stage 17, Schleck has an eight-second deficit to Contador, the two-time winner who rides for Astana.

Although Saturday's penultimate stage time-trial over 52km will also play a deciding role, Saxo Bank climber Schleck knows that time is not on his side.

Contador is usually far stronger than Schleck in the race against the clock, leaving the Luxemburger with the job of finishing Thursday's 174km stage, which finishes with an 18.6km slog to the summit of Tourmalet, with Contador at least a minute in

arrears.

Any less, and Schleck said his chances would look slim.

"I'm sure I can do a good time-trial, but I won't beat Alberto in that domain," Schleck told reporters on Wednesday's rest day at his hotel, where Contador also happens to be staying.

"What's sure is I have to have the yellow jersey before the time-trial if I want to win in Paris. With one minute (advantage) I'd be happy, though of course I'd prefer to have two minutes.

"But I think the guy who has the yellow jersey tomorrow (Thursday) will have it in Paris."

Contador spent his first day in the yellow jersey this year on the 16th stage to Pau, where he and Schleck, who fell out after Monday's stage, shook hands and appeared to agree on a pact of non-ag-

It did not help, either, that the stage did not finish on a summit -- the favoured terrain for both riders.

But stage 17 will be different. It features the Col du Marie-Blanque and the Col du Soulor, both of which are category one climbs, before

the long slog to the uncategorised Tourmalet.

Contador said on Wednesday: "It's a really tough stage, and I'm sure there will be significant time gaps."

Miyazato eyes back-to-back Evian wins

EVIAN-LES-BAIN (AFP) - Ai Miyazato will be looking to hammer home her new world number one ranking with a successful defense of her Evian Masters title starting here today.

The Japanese golfer won her first LPGA title at Evian last year - she has since added four more on the LPGA Tour.

She faces a challenge from a strong field including newlycrowned US Women's Open champion Paula Creamer, who won the title here as a rookie five years ago.

Now, the American has set her sights on collecting her second title on one of her favourite venues on the LPGA Tour.

Creamer, the world No.7, faces a stiff challenge this week from a field headed by Miyazato.

American Cristie Kerr, who was last week's world number one, is another big threat. One of the most experienced players on Tour, she won her second major at last month's LPGA Championship.

The youngest player in the elite field is American 15-year-old, Alexis Thompson.

The Florida youngster, who had a top ten at the US Women's Open, turned professional last month.



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Extra assistant refs to be used in Champions League

CARDIFF (AFP) - Champions League matches next season will feature two extra assistant referees after the experiment was approved by Wednesday's meeting of the International Football Association Board (IFAB).

The additional assistant referees system was used in the Europa League last season and has now been brought into Europe's elite club competition, as well as a handful of other competitions around the world.

Referees will be assisted by two linesmen and two further officials in each penalty area.

The decision was ratified at a meeting of the technical sub-committee of football's rule-makers in Cardiff, where it was also confirmed the issue of goal-line technology would be discussed in October.

IFAB, which comprises representatives from world football's governing body FIFA and England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, had previously rejected the idea of introducing goal-line technology on the grounds of cost.

But calls for its introduc-

tion grew louder after England's Frank Lampard was denied what should have been an equaliser in the World Cup second round clash with Germany when his shot rebounded off the underside of the crossbar and dropped over the line.

The 'goal' went unseen by the match officials and was not given, denying England an equaliser in a match they eventually lost 4-1.

The issue was never on the agenda for Wednesday and a statement from FIFA confirmed a date had been set for discussions.

"FIFA and the technical sub-committee confirmed that goal-line technology will be on the agenda of the next annual business meeting of the IFAB in October 2010," the statement read.

With support for goal-line technology unlikely to dwindle before that meeting, FIFA will come under pressure to give a green-light to the idea.

FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke acknowledged the debate and said there would be an "open discussion" on all possible means of assisting referees at the October meeting.





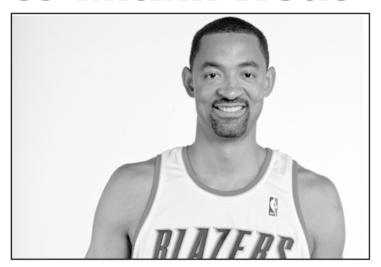


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At last! **Howard heads** to Miami Heat



MIAMI (AFP) - Juwan Howard joined the Miami Heat on Tuesday, 14 years after his first multi-milliondollar move to the club was revoked because it pushed the club over salary cap lim-

"We feel that Juwan's ability to play both the four and five spot will be complimentary to what we have put together," said Heat president Pat Riley, who has already pulled off the coup of the summer by signing free agent stars Dwyane Wade, LeBron James and Chris Bosh.

Since putting together the trio, Riley has patiently been building their supporting

In 37-year-old Howard, Riley adds a player he thought he had landed back in 1996, when Howard signed a seven-year, 100 million-dollar deal with the club.

The league voided that deal, and this time around the Heat get Howard for the league mandated veteran's minimum salary.

Howard agreed to the deal last week, and said he is de-

lighted to get to Miami at last.

"I'm looking forward to working hard this upcoming season and contributing in any way I can," Howard said in a statement distributed by the Heat.

In 1996 Riley intended Howard to play alongside Alonzo Mourning, who received a 112 million-dollar deal from Miami in that same off-season.

Now Howard will play alongside Wade, James and Bosh, and Mourning is a club executive.

"It's kind of ironic," Wade said. "It's sweet. I'm happy for him... We're getting a lot of experience. It's about the right fit and I think he can have that fit."

Howard will be playing for his ninth NBA team in his 17th NBA season.

He played in 73 games for Portland last season and averaged 6.0 points.

Among active players, he ranks fourth in games (1,116), 15th in points (15,957) and 10th in rebounds (7,251).

Americans hope to break the bank in Monte Carlo

MONACO (AFP) - The Diamond League moves on to Monaco on Thursday and, with Jamaican sprinters Usain Bolt and Asafa Powell taking a break, it is the Americans who look likeliest to light up the national stadium.

Tyson Gay will provide the main focus of the night as he attempts to follow his 100m win over Asafa Powell in Gateshead earlier this month, with another good performance in the 200m.

His first track 200 came a week before that at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene where he was beaten by fellow American Walter Dix.

"I got through it and opened my season in 19.76sec," he told the IAAF website. "I didn't know what to expect fitness wise so the time was a good start for me but I still got beat by Walter Dix.

"I am lacking a bit in training to be 100 percent. My objective is run quicker than the 19.76 I made on my return."

His chances of posting a quicker time have been reduced by the absence of Dix who withdrew from the meeting because, say the organisers, he was unhappy with the money he was to receive.

There will be considerable interest also in the men's 110m hurdles where another American David Oliver is expected to take a tilt at the world record.

Since the start of the season, he has brought down his own personal best from 12.95 seconds to 12.89 and he clearly has Cuban Dayron Robles' world record of 12.87 in his sights.

"You don't wake up one morning and say you are



Tyson Gay

going to break the world record," said the 28-year-old former American footballer.

"I am not hunting this

Like Gay, his quest for more

record. It is going to come but I am not going to put a

speed is not helped by the absence in the field of his main

adversary - Robles missed the

Paris meeting and has now

withdrawn from Monaco com-

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as it features four of the five

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10.78 in Eugene, goes into the race as favourite but she can

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as well as Kelly-Ann Baptiste

very close between us," said

Jeter who finished third in

thing for women's sprinting.

It leads to more notice from

the public, the media and

consequently brings in more

This season it has been

"Ultimately that is a good

of Trinidad & Tobago.

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Veronica Campbell-Brown

Among the women's

plaining of sore legs.

date on that.'

"An act of aggression like this merits 20 matches and we have decided to add five matches more for the attempted attack on the referee and two more for the red card," said Angel Botto, president of the disciplinary tribuof Chile's National Professional Football Association (ANFP).

Ref strangler banned for 27 matches

SANTIAGO (AFP) - A footballer who tried to strangle a referee during a Chilean league game has been banned for 27 matches.

Paraguayan defender Jose Pedroso blew his top during a highly charged Chilean second division match between his Rangers team and Deportes Concepcion when he was red-carded.

He responded by grabbing

referee Marcelo Miranda by the throat.

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Report: Tiger Woods' endorsements down 22 million dlrs



Tiger Woods

NEW YORK (AFP) - Tiger Woods' estimated endorsements for 2010 are worth 22 million dollars less than in 2009, Sports Illustrated reported in its yearly analysis of the top-earning US sports figures

Woods is still number one on the list, as he has been for the rankings' seven years.

But his estimated total earnings of more than 90 million dollars are down 30 percent from nearly 128 million dollars two years ago.

Golfer Phil Mickelson is again second with total earnings of more than 61 million dollars.

His estimated endorsement income is 52 million dollars, still lagging behind the 70 million dollars for Woods.

Swiss tennis star Roger Federer topped the separate list of international sports figures, dethroning English footballer David Beckham with nearly 62 million dollars total earnings by Sports Illustrated's reckoning.

Beckham fell to number

three on the list, behind Argentinian footballer and reigning FIFA World Player of the Year Lionel Messi.

On the US list, boxer Floyd Mayweather jnr was third, followed by NBA star LeBron James and baseball player Alex Rodriguez.

Then come the NBA's Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant, baseball's Derek Jeter, NFL quarterback Peyton

Manning and the NBA's Dwyane Wade to round out the top 10.

The Sports Illustrated report comes a day after Harrison Interactive reported Woods had dropped into a tie with Bryant as the favorite American sports star.

Woods had held the position alone since 2006, but the Lakers guard moved up from fourth last year to grab a share of the top spot in the survey of 2,227 adults.

Woods hasn't won in seven tournaments this year, all since a sex scandal that erupted last November sent his iconic reputation crashing

His inability to claim one of the first three majors of the year on courses where he has triumphed in the past - the Masters at Augusta, the US Open at Pebble Beach and the British Open at St. Andrews - has raised serious questions as to whether 14-time major champion Woods will be able to surpass Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 major titles.

Kovalchuk contract flouts salary cap

NEWARK (AFP) - The NHL rejected the New Jersey Devils' 17-year, 102 million-dollar contract with Russian Ilya Kovalchuk Wednesday, with deputy commissioner Bill Daly saying it flouted salary cap rules.

Daly said Wednesday in a statement posted on the league website that the rejection of the contract sets up the possibility of several scenarios depending on how the players association, player and club decide to proceed.

In the meantime, he said "the player is not entitled to play under the contract."

The players' association can file a grievance on behalf of Kovalchuk.

The deal would remain voided if no grievance is filed or if an arbitrator agrees that the contract is illegal.

Kovalchuk had been all smiles on Tuesday at the press conference to announce the longest deal in NHL history.

But already by Tuesday night media reports said the NHL would reject the proposal under which he would have earned just seven million dollars over the final seven years of the contract compared to 95 million dollars over the first decade.

The low salary at the end was implemented to lower the team's hit against the salary cap as 27-year-old Kovalchuk would be making just 550,000 dollars in each of the last five seasons.

The NHL wants to eliminate this kind of "retirement contract". While several have stood, they opted to challenge this one.

"There is nothing that we have done wrong," Devil's Manager Lou Lamoriello said Tuesday. "This is within the rules. This is in the CBA (collective bargaining agreement). There are precedents that have been set.

"But I would agree we shouldn't have these. I'm also saying that because it's legal and this is something that ownership felt comfortable doing for the right reasons."

The former first overall entry draft pick (2001) ended last season with the Devils after being traded by the Atlanta Thrashers.

Kovalchuk is one of the NHL's top dynamic players but also one of the most headstrong and temperamental.



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Real, Bayern back Benzema and Ribery

PARIS (AFP) - French internationals Franck Ribery and Karim Benzema received the full support of their clubs Bayern Munich and Real Madrid on Wednesday, despite the pair being placed under formal judicial investigation on allegations of sex with an under-age prostitute.

The two players were put under investigation by a Paris magistrate on Tuesday on charges of having "solicited an under-age prostitute".

After seven hours of questioning by a vice squad, both men were charged and then released over alleged relations with the same teenage call girl.

Real's director general Jorge Valdano told Spanish media that the club was fully behind the 22-year-old Benzema.

"He (Benzema) believes he is innocent and we are relaxed

and backing the player until the end because we believe in his innocence," said Valdano.

Benzema, failed to make France's World Cup squad after a difficult first season in Madrid following his move from Lyon last summer.

Ribery, 27, was also given the total support of German league and cup winners Bayern.

"We are convinced that now he has confessed, the affair is buried," said director general Christian Nerlinger.

The magistrate's indictment is the first stage of a judicial investigation that could lead to a trial and, if convicted, Ribery and Benzema face three years in jail and a fine of 45,000 euros (58,000 dollars).

The age of sexual consent in France is 15 but it is illegal to have sex with a prostitute under the age of 18.



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